



## Quabbin Reservoir

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# Spring Programs at the Quabbin Visitor Center

Quabbin Reservoir will offer three free presentations this season. All ages are welcome. Please call (413) 323-7221 for more information.

**Sunday, March 22, 2-3pm**

### **EXPLORING QUABBIN'S FISHERIES**

Quabbin Reservoir is considered one of the most important fresh water fish habitats in Massachusetts. Please join Todd Richards, fisheries biologist with MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife for a discussion about the life and habits of the many fish in Quabbin.

**Tuesday, March 24, 7-8pm**

### **"QUABBIN'S "GREEN" CERTIFICATION: JUSTIFICATION, IMPACTS, AND CHALLENGES IN A CHANGING RURAL ECONOMY"**

In 1997, the Quabbin forest became the first public land in North America to achieve "green certification" from the Rainforest Alliance "Smart Wood" program. Please join Quabbin Environmental Analyst Thom Kyker-Snowman to discuss what green certification is, how certified sustainable forest management practices at Quabbin have impacted the local rural economy, and where challenges remain in the hoped-for effects of certification.

*Co-sponsored by the Valley Environmental Education Collaborative*

**Sunday April 19, 2-3pm**

### **Understanding Beaver Biology and Ecology**

Please join Professor Peter Busher for a discussion of general beaver biology and ecology as well as the history of beaver research on the Prescott Peninsula. Study of the Prescott Peninsula beaver population has played a significant role in our understanding of beaver behavior and population dynamics, and numerous researchers have contributed to the long-term study of this population. Peter Busher is a professor at Boston University who has been studying beavers since 1973 and working on the Prescott since 1982. He is currently investigating the long-term population dynamics of the Prescott Peninsula population and examining the autumn food caching behavior in the population.